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Jeff Robinson
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 (MC 6ARP)
Dallas, TX 75270

Subject: Initial Notification of a Potential Exceptional Event

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This letter serves as formal notification that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will develop and submit a demonstration to exclude 2022 ozone air monitoring data influenced by an exceptional event pursuant to 40 CFR Parts 50 and 51. This demonstration will address fire events which influenced air quality at air quality monitoring sites 482010055 (Houston Bayland Park) and 482010417 (Houston Harvard Street) for parameter 44201 (ozone):

Date	Monitor	Type of Event	AQS Flag	Exceedance Concentration
September 21, 2022	482010055	Wildfire – U.S.	RT	92 ppb
September 13, 2022	482010055	Wildfire – U.S.	RT	89 ppb
October 8, 2022	482010055	Wildfire – U.S.	RT	87 ppb
June 20, 2022	482010055	Wildfire – U.S.	RT	82 ppb
June 20, 2022	482010417	Wildfire – U.S.	RT	97 ppb
September 21, 2022	482010417	Wildfire – U.S.	RT	88 ppb

The data requested for exclusion affect the regulatory status of the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria nonattainment area under the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The TCEQ looks forward to working with EPA Region 6 to establish a time frame for the demonstration.

If you need any additional information, please contact Daphne McMurrer at Daphne.McMurrer@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Huff".

Donna F. Huff, Deputy Director
Air Quality Division

cc: Joshua Madden, EPA R6 Air Monitoring & Grants Section

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